

**DECISION ON THE REPORT ON ASSESSING PROGRESS TOWARDS THE
ATTAINMENT OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS
AND THE STATUS OF THE MDGs AFRICA INITIATIVE**
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The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on Progress Towards Achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the Status of Implementation of the MDGs Africa Steering and Working Group Recommendations;
2. **RECALLS** the Assembly Decision of the January 2008 Summit mandating the Commission and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) to prepare an annual report on Africa's progress towards the MDGs as well as report on the activities of the United Nations (UN) Secretary General's special initiative on the MDGs, and the MDGs Africa Steering Group;
3. **COMMENDS** progress made so far by some countries towards achieving the MDGs; and **NOTES WITH CONCERN** that the majority of countries are still not on track to meeting all the MDGs by the target date;
4. **WELCOMES and ENDORSES** the recommendations contained in the Report including those of the MDGs Africa Steering Groups, and **CALLS UPON** Member States and Partners to support their implementation;
5. **CALLS UPON** Member States and Development Partners to devote sufficient resources for the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Second Decade of Education for Africa (2006-2015) in line with Assembly Decision (Assembly/AU/Dec.92 (VI) on the Second Decade of Education for Africa (2006-2015);
6. **ECOURAGES** Member States to align development strategies to MDGs and support those who heed this call;
7. **REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and the African Development Bank (AfDB) to organize an African High Level Preparatory Meeting for the forthcoming UN High Level Event on Africa's Development Needs as well as a High Level Event on the Millennium Development Goals in September 2008, to come up with an African common position on accelerating progress to attain the MDGs in Africa.

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